Library Company

1868–9	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mch	Apl
Geo W. Morris	/						/	/	/	/	/	/
Henry J. Williams	/			/		/				/	/	/
Charles Willing	/	/				/		/	/		/	/
David Lewis		/				/	/		/	/	/	/
J. T. Clark Hare	/							/				/
Peter McCall	/	/	/	/			/				/	
Alex: Biddle	/		/	/	/	/		/		/		/
H. Wharton							/					
Henry Cramond		/			/		/					/
L. M. Wales		/			/	/		/	/			
W. E. Whitman	/	/				/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Lloyd P. Smith	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

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At a Meeting of the Directors Nov 5 1868

Present

Morris — Osmond
Lewis — Marlow
McCall — Lib

The following persons were approved
William Howell to Wm. Stafford
Martha A. Depau " Robt Adams Jr.
The following order was drawn on the
Treasurer

No 2 Pay Lib Salary to 1st inst $100 —
Fees " " " 50 —
Apl " " " 150 —
$300 —

The following sums were ordered for which
Lib was ordered to draw the Town
Report of Trade Navigation from Henry Reid
Washington Yorkshire " the author
Journal Pa - P. E. Convention " a friend

At a meeting of the Directors Dec 3. 1868

Present
Messrs Norris Wahn
Willing
Biddle

Secretary & Treasurer

Committee to examine and adjust accounts between the Philad^a & Lafayette Library
Messrs. Lewis & Wahn

The following transfers were approved
Ex^r Richard Shippen to D. Edward Shippen
Atty Jno. M. Bigg " Bettie E. Forsyth
Ex^r Geo. Robt Smith " Mary R. Smith
Garrick Malleny Jr " Lewis C. Cassidy
Admr Rowland E. Evans " Rowland Evans

108 N. L. Muster Rolls was presented by the Adj: General of N. York for which the Librarian was directed to thank the donor

The Treasurer reported the purchase of $1000 — Pa 6's for the Building Fund

At a meeting of the Directors. January 7. 1869.

Present

Messrs. Norris
Walter
Willing
Lewis.

Secy & Treasurer

The Treasurer reported the purchase of 1000.- Pa 6's for the Building Fund, & he was instructed to sell 5 shares N. York Central R. R. Co belonging to that Fund & to invest the proceeds in Pa 6's

The following Transfers were approved:
Chas W. Dunning to Kate McAllister
Ex C.W. Shoemaker & Eliza Shoemaker

The following persons were admitted to buy new shares

Miss Laura G. Brooks
Harrison Allen

The Committee to examine the accounts between this Institution & the Lofonian Library reported that there was a Balance due the Library Co. on the 1st inst of $718.12

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer

Nos 287, 288, 289 & 290 as per Memo-Book

The following Results were rec'd for which the Librn was directed to thank the donors.

See Mem-Book

At a meeting of the Directors
February 4. 1869.

Present. Norris Williams
Lewis
Biddle,
Secy & Treasurer

Wm P. Latham was admitted as a member of the Company on paying $160.00

An Order No 291 near drawn on the Treasurer for $636.70 to pay

Wardens Salary 3mos		400.00	
Treasurers " "		50.00	
Assistants " "		150.00	
M. Keller	Books	3.50	
W.B. Huston	"	4.00	
Ashmead & Evans	"	29.20	636.70

The following transfers were approved

Ex. Edward Lester to Henry Lester
" John Stewart " Maria Stewart
" Geo. W. Fisher " Wm. H. Fisher
George M. Wharton " H. Albert Lewis

The following presents were received
(See Memorandum Book)

At a meeting of the Directors
March 4. 1869.

Present
Mr. Norris Williams
Willing McCall
Lewis

Secy & Treasr

The following transfers were approved:
Simon A. Stern to B. F. Quinby
B. M'Star Morris " Rosa Mc. Gaston
Heirs of D. B. Cartee " Henry Helmuth

The following presents were received for which the Secretary was directed to thank the donors
Congressional Doc's 17 vols from Leonard Myers
Painters Circular 2 " "
History Medical Department " Dr Carson
Journal Society of Arts " Society
Accident 17 vols & a collection of miscellaneous books from the Library of Wm Parker Foulke from his widow.

At a Meeting of the Directors April 6 1869
Present

Mr. Norris Drummond
Williams Lewis
Willing Biddle
Hacker

The following transfers were approved
Ferdinand Coxe to Philip A. Lauer
David Webster " Emilie Trotter

The following presents were rec^d for which the Librarian was directed to thank the donors

Catalogue New Bedford Library	from	the Library
Report on Reconstruction	"	Leonard Myers
Papers laid before Parliament	"	Jno Hamilton Jr
Memoirs Queen Caroline	"	"
Spirit of the Book 3 vols	"	"
Edward W. Indies 2 "	"	"
Hau Kiou Choan 2 "	"	"
Report Geology N. Jersey 2 "	"	State Geologist

Mess Lewis Wharton & Biddle were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's and Librarian's Accounts

At a Special Meeting of the Directors April 24 1869
Present

Mess Norris	Biddle
Williams	Wharton
Wistar	Diamond
Lewis	Secy & Tres^r

Mess Williams Wharton & Biddle were appointed a Committee to make inquiry in regard to the purchase of a Lot for the erection of a Fire Proof Building & to Report at the next meeting

The

At a stated Stockholders Meeting of the members of the Library Co of Phila, held on the first Monday (3d) of May AD 1869 at the Hall of the Library Building in 5th St, of which Meeting notice had been given for twenty days at least before the Meeting, by printed advertisement,

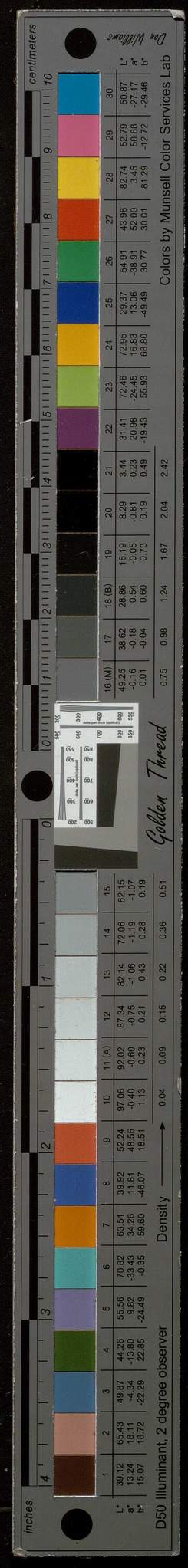
In pursuance of the Charter Wm B. Wetmore the Sec of the Co took the chair & called the Meeting to order.

The annual report of the Treasurer having been read & approved,

The following was offered and unanimously passed, Wm B Wetmore being the mover.

Whereas, the present accomodations of the Library are entirely insufficient for the preservation of the present number of books, without reference to any prospective increase - and the building fund has become very considerable in amount,

Be it enacted by the Library Co of Phila, that the directors shall have full power & authority whenever they shall think proper, to purchase a lot in the city of Phila, on the best terms they can procure, & to cause to be executed on behalf of the company any instruments necessary for that purpose.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Don Williams
Colors by Munsell Color Services Lab
inches
D50 Illuminant, 2 degree observer
Density
Golden Thread

At a Meeting of the Directors April 29 1869

Present

Messrs Norris, Morton
Williams, Wahn
Billing
Lewis

Treas Secy

The Committee appointed to Examine the Treasurer's & Librarian's Accounts reported that they had performed that duty & found the same to be correct showing a Balance in the Treasurer's hands of 1.221 23
" " due the Librarian of 108 04
" " " " Building Fund of 544.58

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting in reference to the purchase of a Lot for the Library reported that they had Examined a number of pieces of ground some of which may be suitable for the purpose, & therefore recommend that a Resolution authorizing the purchase by the Board of a Lot be presented to the Members at their annual meeting on Monday next for adoption

The Treasurer was authorized to issue a new Share to John H. Taylor on payment of $40 —

The following presents were received for which the Librarian was directed to thank the Donors,
Ecclesia Lutherana from Dr W. L. Wells
Lutheran Almanack " "
Mayer's Physics " The Author

Morris' History of St Luke's Church from the author
Bateman's Greek Grammar " Jo. C. Reed
Mass. Report on Charities " The Board
Old Testament in Chinese " Rev. M. Mason
Dickenson's Journal " Ezra L. Cufson

The following Transfers were approved
Exr Wm L. Savage to Sarah L. Savage
Anna E. Sealy "
Marietta Abbott " Anna E. Sealy
Exr R. M. Lewis " Margaretta S. Lewis
Samuel Hart " Henry Phillips Jr
Titian J. Coffey " J. McDowell Wallace
R. A. F. Penrose " James A. Whelan
Wm P. Turnbull " Cornelius Stevenson

At a meeting of the Directors May 6 1869
Present
Williams Wharton
Willing Cramond
Biddle
Secy & Treasurer

The Secretary read the returns of the Election showing that George W. Norris, Henry J. Williams, Charles Willing, David Lewis, J. I. Clark Hare, Peter McCall Alexander Biddle, Henry Wharton, Henry Cramond & S. Morris Waln were elected Directors and Lloyd P. Smith Treasurer for the ensuing year

William E. Whitman was reappointed Secretary

The following Standing Committees were appointed
Committee on Correspondence & for the purchase of English & American books, Messrs Norris, Williams, Lewis, Biddle & Wharton
Committee to fix terms with those who may have

lost or defaced books Mess Cramond & Walu

Committee on repairs & improvements Mess Norris Willing & Walu

Committee to label books, direct the binding and replace defaced volumes Mess Hare Biddle Wharton & Cramond

Committee to purchase French Spanish German & Italian Books Mess Williams Willing Hare McCall & Biddle

Committee on Finance Mess Williams Biddle & Walu

Committee on a Fire Proof Building Mess Williams, Biddle & Wharton

The Treasurer was authorized to issue a New Share to Chas T. McMullin on payment of $40 —

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer

No 292 for Six hundred and sixteen dollars to pay Salaries of Librarian, Treasurer & Assistant Librarian to 1 inst

No 293 for Six hundred and eight 4/100 Dollars to pay

Balance of Librarian's Account	108.04
Current Exps for 1869–70 to be accounted for at the end of the Year	500 —
	$608.04

No 294 for Four hundred and sixty 40/100 Dollars

to pay Taxes for 1869		423.50	
W. Few Smith	Book	15 —	
M. Thomas & Son	"	2.85	
Christian Examiner	"	5 —	
P. V. Cunningham	"	12.85	
American Publisher	"	1.50	460.70

No 295 for Fifty seven 45/100 Dollars to pay

Princeton Review	Books	3. —
Shaeffer & Koradi	"	1. —
Jno E. Potter & Co	"	7.88
R. Clarke & Co	"	10. —
Hist. Magazine	"	3. —

Mess. ? & Co. – Stationery 16.85
J.H. Armiger Repairs 15.72 57.45

The following Transfers were approved
Anna T. Kent to Edward S. Handy
Ex.r Thos Richards " Rachel B. Richards
Adm.r Chas. Norris " Charles Norris

The following presents were received for which the Librarian was directed to thank the donors.

Andrews' Works from Robt. C. Clark
Catalogue Cuffe's Library from the Librarian

At a meeting June 3. 1869

Present
Messrs Williams Crawford
Norris Hare
Lewis Waln
Biddle McCall
Wharton Wefling
Secy & Treasurer

The following transfers were approved
George Helmuth to Ernest Zantzinger
Ex.rs Francis West " James West
Adm.r Ann Duckla " Julia N. Biddle
Saml. J. Sharpless " Wm Brook Rawle
Sarah W. Stone " Mary Williamson
C. A. Washburn " Clement Buckley Newbold

The following Presents were received, for which the Librarian was directed to thank the donors

60 vols theological works from Robert C. Clark
Allibone's Index to N. Test " the author

The Treasurer reported the following Shares forfeited, agreeably to the Charter & Laws of this Co

Jd: Byrd Grubb
Arch: McCall's Est
Charles G. Poulson

Mr Williams laid on the table a certified copy of the will of the late Dr James Rush in which the Library Co is made the devisee and legatee of his large estate, and Mr Williams being Executor of the Will. The Executor requested that the Board would take immediate steps to ascertain the decision of the Library Company upon the question of accepting the devises & bequests contained in Dr Rush's Will on the conditions therein expressed. Whereupon it was

Resolved That a Special meeting of the Library Co be held on 29 day of June at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of considering the propriety of accepting the devises and bequests contained in the will of the late Dr James Rush on the conditions therein expressed and of applying for appropriate legislation to carry the same into effect

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to publish notice of this meeting in four of the principal papers of the city for at least twenty days before the time fixed for the same.

Messrs Hare, McCall & Wharton were appointed a Committee to examine the will of Dr Rush and report upon the legal & other points involved in accepting the trusts therein created, and to report on the same to an adjourned Meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday next the 10th inst.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Directors June 10 1869

Present Messrs.

Williams

Lewis

McCall

Biddle

Wharton

Cramond

Waln

Secy & Treasurer

~~Mr. McCall was appointed committee~~

~~adjourned to Thursday~~

The Committee on the acceptance of the devise of the late Dr Rush reported progress and requested permission to take the advice of Council, which was granted & the Committee was continued with instruction to report to an adjourned Meeting on the 24th inst.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Directors June 24th 1869

Present

Williams	Cramond
Lewis	Waln
Hare	McCall
Biddle	Wharton

Secy & Treasurer

The following transfers were approved

Exrs John Sergeant	to	Ellen Sergeant
S. R. Hansell	"	Geo. Inman Riché
Alexine E. Bouvier	"	Saml R. Shipley
Ex. Thos Paschall	"	Robt S. Paschall
Thomas B. Reed	"	Manlius G. Evans
G. I. Riché	"	Samuel Olcott
Ex. Thos Stewardson	"	Ann Stewardson

Exr Henry Chester to Hannah C. Ralston
Charles Stokes " Wm A. Stokes
Eliz: B. Morris " Richard Norris

The Committee on the Rush legacy reported that they had ~~engaged~~ consulted Messrs Meredith, Geo: M. Biddle & McMurtrie as Counsel in accordance with the Power granted ~~them Committee~~ at the last Meeting on various questions arising under Dr Rush's will, but had not made ~~an~~ decision upon one point fully which ~~and~~ they submitted ~~the following opinion~~ which was ordered to be entered on the minutes: and the Com[e] was continued

"We are of opinion that the time for the Library Company to accept the devise under the will of Dr James Rush has not arrived. Until the Executor shall have completed a Building and tendered a conveyance the Company could do no more than agree to accept at a future time. And we think such an agreement should not be made until the real position of the affairs and the plan of the Executor are better ascertained & the consequences can be considered.

We think therefore that it is expedient to postpone (for the present at least) any action by the Company in reference to the Will, other than the observance of those provisions which they are required to observe to avoid disabling themselves from accepting in accordance with the terms of the Will"

(Signed) R. M. Meredith
Geo: M. Biddle
R. C. McMurtrie

June 20 1869

The Librarian reported that a number of proxies had been given to him to be voted in accordance with the instructions of the Board, whereupon the Librarian was directed to vote such proxies in support of the

following Resolution.

"That the Directors of the Library Co be & are hereby authorized to accept the bequests and devises contained in Dr Rush's will if and when they shall deem it advisable so to do, and be authorized to procure any legislation necessary for the purpose".

Judge Shadwood was selected to preside at the Stockholders Meeting

At an adjourned meeting June 29. 1869 -

Present

Willing — Biddle
McCall — Diamond
Hare — Watson

Secretary & Treasurer

Letter from H. J. Williams Esq. enclosing an opinion of Judge Shaw in relation to the bests of Dr Rush's will was read

At a Meeting of the ~~Members~~ Company called by the Directors in accordance with the Charter & By Laws

June 29 - 1869

The Secretary stated to the Meeting that Judge Sharwood had been requested by the Directors to take the Chair & Wm E. Whitman was appointed Secretary.

The Chair appointed James S. Biddle & Wm Neal Tellers to ascertain whether a quorum was present.

The Tellers reported a quorum present

Mr McCall offered the following Resolution

"Resolved, That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to accept the bequests

and devises contained in Dr Rush's will
if and when they shall deem it
advisable so to do, and be authorized to
procure any legislation necessary for the
purpose."

Gen: Wm A. Stokes moved to strike out all
after the word Resolved & substitute the
following.

Resolved, that the Stockholders of the Library Co. of Phila
have heard with pleasure of the munificent bequest
of the late Dr James Rush: that they desire that the
Directors shall signify to A. J. Williams Esq their acceptance
of the same, with however the exception of the wish that
if it be within the power of Mr Williams the new building
shall be placed within the limits first designated in the will
of Dr Rush.

Wm M. Lehman moved to amend the
amendment by striking out all after the
word Resolved & substituting the following

1. That it is inexpedient at this time to
take any action upon the question of accepting
the devises & bequests contained in the will of
the late Dr James Rush, upon the conditions
therein expressed

2. That whenever in the opinion of Council
the proper time shall have arrived for action
upon such question, the Directors are hereby
requested to submit it to a meeting of
the Stockholders specially called for its
consideration

3. That until such question be decided
no new shares of stock in the Company
shall be issued

A general debate ensued, and finally on motion of Mr Fraley it was ~~unanimously~~ resolved to refer the foregoing Resolution and ~~the~~ its proposed amendments to a committee composed of Six Directors & Six Stockholders to be appointed by the Chair to report an adjourned Meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in October at 12 M. at the Library

The Chair appointed Mr Fraley Judge Edward King, Dr J. Carson, Wm M. Laughlin, Benjamin V. Marsh, & Wm P. Nathans ~~Alexander~~ on the part of the Stockholders and Peter McCall Judge Hare, Henry Wharton, & George N. Morris, Morris Wain, and David Lewis on the part of the Board

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Directors held 1st 1869

Present

Messrs Willing Desmond
McCall Riddle
Trust

The following Orders were drawn on the Treas.

Nos 296, 297, 298 See Mem. Book

The following presents were rec'd, for which the Libn was directed to thank the donors

See Mem. Book

At a Meeting of the Directors Aug 5
Present

Norris — Wharton
McCall — Biddle

Treas

The following transfer was approved
By G. W. Fahnestock to C. Willing Littell
The following Orders were drawn on the Treas
See Mem. Book

At a Meeting of the Directors Sep 2d 1869
Present

Wallace
Willing

Secy Treas

The following presents were read & the Lib
was directed to thank the donors
Bossi Storia d'Italia — from Mrs Cochran
Croton Aqueduct Report 14 vol — " James Munn
Claim on Napoleon III — " W Parrish
Hodge - Confession of Faith — " R. C. Clark
2 Public Ledger Building — " G. W. Child
Mason on Sanctification — " R. C. Clark

The following transfer was approved
Ex Margaret Latimer to John Clement

At a Meeting of the Directors Oct 7th 1869

Present

Lewis Secy & Treas

The following presents were rec'd for which the Libn was directed to thank the donors

Dantes Inferno 3 vols folio from Lad Vernon
Pa Legislative Doc's 7 " " Legislature
Cornell Library " Trustees
Cabots Head & Club " D Lewis
Loyse on Romans " R. C. Clark
Commerce & Navigation " Edw Walker

At a Special meeting of the Directors Oct 18th 1869.

Present
Willing
Lewis
Biddle
McCall
Wharton
Cramond

Treasurer Secretary

It was voted that Eli K. Price Esq. be requested to act as Chairman of the meeting of the Members of the Library Company on Thursday 21st Oct 1869.

At a meeting of the Directors Nov 4 1869

Present—

Mess Lewis — Hare
Winston — McCall
Diamond

Secy & Treasr

The Committee on Finance reported the purchase of $1,000 — Pa 6's for a/c Building Fund, making $3,000 — purchased since May 1

The following transfers were approved

Anne H. Neill to John Neill
Rebecca Cornthwaite " Jos B. Cornthwaite
Ex Geo Strawbridge dec'd " John Strawbridge
Admr E. L. Dwight dec'd " J. Bradford Dwight
" James B. Haines dec'd " Reuben Haines
John S. Haines " Robert B. Haines
Ex Robert Hare dec'd " Robert H. Hare

The following presents were rec'd for which the Librarian was directed to thank the donors

Diplomatic Correspondence 1867 from Dep't of State

Jones' Historical Sketch from the author
Annales — Gran Chaco — presented anonymously
The following Order was drawn on the Treasurer
No 301 Six Six hundred dollars to pay
Librarian's Salary 3rd Qr — 400.—
Engineer's " " 50.—
Assistants " " 150.— 600—
Messrs Wharton McCall & Walsh were appointed a
Committee to inquire into the advisability of investing a portion
of the Building Fund in the purchase of a Lot of ground

At a meeting Dec 2nd 1869 —

Present

Willing — Cramond
Lewis — McCall
Wharton — Walsh
Hall.

Secy & Treasurer

The Committee appointed to consider the advisability
of purchasing a Lot of ground made the following
Report (See enclosed)
whereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted
Resolved that the Report of the Committee on the
investment of a portion of the Building Fund be
approved, and that the Committee be authorized to
enter into agreements with Mr John Rose and
Mr John Livezey for the purchase of the Lots of ground
on Juniper Street referred to therein for the prices
mentioned that the Seal of the Institute be affixed thereto and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to a Mortgage
to Mr Livezey
The following transfer was approved
Dom-Antoinette P. Foulke to John L. Foulke
The following presents were received for which the Librarian
was directed to thank the donors (See Mem. Book)
Messrs Lewis & Walsh were appointed a Committee
to examine the accts between this Institution & the Logan Library

At a special meeting held on the 14th Dec.

Present	
Mesrs Morris	Cowand
Lewis	Willing
Mc Call	Wharton
Biddle	Secy & Treasurer

It was unanimously Resolved that Secy & Treasurer of the Schuylkill Navigation Company of Philadelphia be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell 300 dollars of 6 Pa Bonds of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, 50 dollars do do do

100 Shares Pennsylvania Central Rail Road Stock
15 do Morris Canal Preferred
17 do Reading Rail Road
10 do Bank of Kentucky
15 do Franklin Fire Insurance of Philada
$500 Philada City 6s

It was also Resolved that the Trustees of the Building Fund be authorized to sell the following loans - viz.

11.000 dollars of Philada City 6s
15 000 do Pennsylvania 6s

At a meeting Jany 6. 1870

Present
Messrs Norris . McCall
Lewis
Wharton

Secy & Treasurer

A letter from Henry J. Williams Esq having been read tendering his resignation as a member of this Board the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to

1. Resolved, that the Board have heard with great regret Mr Williams intention of resigning and that in view of their great esteem and regard for him, & from their grateful remembrance of the highly important & valuable services he has rendered to the Institution, they desire that he will reconsider his purpose of leaving the Board with which he has been so long associated, and gratify them by withdrawing his letter of resignation

Resolved, that the Secretary communicate the above to Mr Williams

A letter from Mr Waln was read stating that the condition of his health made it his duty to resign his position as Director, whereupon the following Resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, that the Board receive with great regret the resignation of Mr Waln & they are especially grieved that his withdrawal is caused by the state of his health, which they sincerely trust may shortly be entirely restored

The Committee on the Purchase of lots of ground reported that the payment of $6,829.77

to John Livezey ~~for~~ out of the Building Fund for two houses on Juniper St. Subject to Mortgage

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer No 302 &c. (See Mem. Book)

The following transfers were approved (See Mem. Book)

The following presents were rec^d for which the Lib^n was directed to thank the Donors (See Mem. Book)

The Committee appointed to Examine the accounts between this Institution & the Loganian Library reported that they had performed that duty and that there was a Balance of $527.16 due by the Loganian Lib^y on 1 inst

At a meeting Feby 3. 1870

Present

Messrs Willing, Norris, Lewis, Crawford, McCall

Sec^y & Treasurer

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer

No 305 for $600.— to pay Librarian's Treasurer's & Assistant's Salary 3 mos—

No 306 for 126.94 to pay

Drexel & Co. B^s Exchange	Books	118 44
Penn Monthly	"	2 50
E. Haskell	"	2 —
J. Sabin & Sons	"	4 —
		126 94

The following transfers were approved

George A. Braddee to Wm Thompson

Ex. Wm McIlvaine " Charles Smith

Heir Caroline M. Cadbury to R. Cadbury Trustee
Robert D. Carey " Chapman Thomas
Exr Thomas Evans " J. Mister Evans

The following Warrants were used for which the Libr was directed to thank the donors

(See Mem. Book)

At a meeting March 3. 1870

Present

Norris — Cramer
Lewis — McCall
A. Biddle — J. M. Biddle
Hare

Lee & Readmer

The following Transfers were approved

Samuel Wilcox to R. L. J. Smith
Isaac Lea " Henry C. Lea
Admr Chs A. Sharpe " Mary Anna S. Sharpe
Saunders Lewis " John T. Lewis
John T. Lewis " Gertrude A. Quimby
Saml W. Jones " Dr J. L. Leidy
Admr Rebecca C. Lewis " Saunders Lewis
Wm J. Wilson " Calloway C. Morris
R. L. J. Smith " John Robbins

The Board then went into an Election for a new Director to serve for the unexpired term of Henry J. Williams Esq resigned, whereupon Henry C. Lea Esq was unanimously appointed

The following Warrants were used for which the Libr was directed to thank the donors

(See Mem. Book)

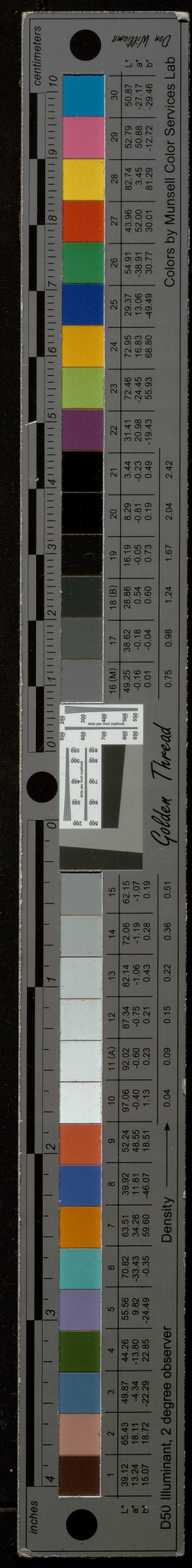
At a meeting of the Directors May 5. 1870

Present -

Messrs Lewis
Walling
Lea

Hall

Secy & Treasurer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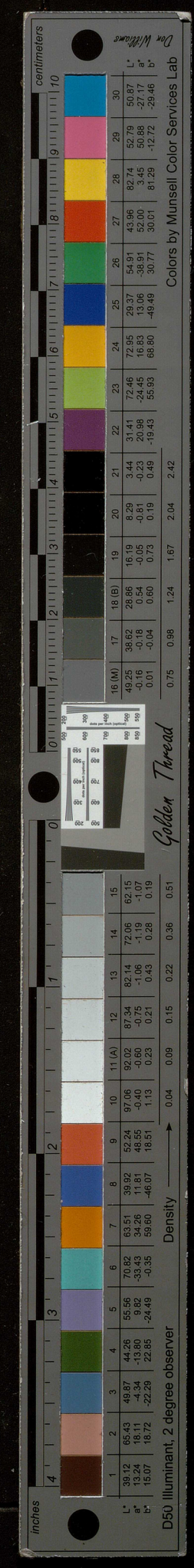
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inches

At a meeting of the Committee May 1870

Present.

Messrs Braley — Hall
King — Cranmer
Phelps — Lee
Lewis — D. F. Biddle
Wharton — McCall
Lewis & Johnson

Mr Wharton offered a resolution (recited) and it was discussed considerably informally — Mr Wharton amended and put forth and carried

Mr Phelps offered a resolution that the Committee of the Statistics of their respective be discharged from the further consideration of matter referred to them

Adjourned

by Henry M Phillips Esq

Resolved that this Committee recommend to the members of the Library Company the acceptance of the Act of Assembly passed July 23. 1870 - ~~at the Annual meeting~~ -

The above resolution was passed unanimously - afterwards a reconsideration was moved and carried and the above resolution was ~~adopted~~ amended by striking out the word at the annual meeting & the passed as amended in reference to the reconsideration of the above resolution and after it had been carried

Mr Thornton offered the resolution "That the joint committee recommend that the Library Company apply to the Court of Common Pleas for the following amendments to their charter (See them) -

Mr Thornton stated that these amendments were those and only those which the will of Dr Rush required should be adopted by the Company to entitle themselves to act as Trustees under the said will -

Mr Phillips moved to postpone the consideration of Mr Thorntons resolution -

The postponement was put to vote and was lost

The resolution was then put to vote and was rejected -

On motion it was resolved that the Secretary be directed to report the proceedings of this meeting to the Directors of the Library

The Committee then adjourned to be called together on notice from the Chairman

also that ~~Rep~~ the Counsel of the Co had laid before the Counsel of the Executor of Dr Rush the above proposed Act, and that they had sent the following Letter

Jan 4 — 1870

Dear Sir,

Mr Williams has handed me as Counsel for the Estate of Dr Rush the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Library Company of Phil accompanied by a proposed Act of Assembly

While the latter in its present shape cannot be considered as committing the Executor we see no objection to its presentation to and passage by the Legislature

Truly yours

R. Stroud

R. C. McMurtrie Esq

Wm D. Judson

Sub-

On motion The Committee were authorized to take the necessary steps to procure the passage of the above proposed Act of Assembly.

Adjourned

At a meeting of the Committee April 5th 1870

Present

Reps

Kirby

Phillips

A. Bidde

Lea

McCall

Biddle

Cramond

Norris

Lewis

Fraley

Secretary & Treasurer

(1) In the absence of Kirby Mr Fraley took the chair

Mr Fraley came in afterwards & took the chair in the place of Judge Kirby

(2) The Act of Assembly passed the 23 day of Feb 1870 was read,

(read) — The following resolution was offered

At a Meeting of the Committee Jan'y 18th 1870

Present.

Mess Norris — Jas L. Biddle
Lewis — Phillips
McCall — Haley
Osmond

The ~~Comm~~ Sub committee reported ~~to~~ that they had prepared the following proposed Act of Assembly

An Act relative to the Ridgway Branch of the Phila Library

Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the Same: That the Library Company of Philadelphia be and they are hereby authorized to act as Trustees for the Ridgway Branch of the Phil Library and the Trusts pertaining thereto under the last Will and Codicils of James Rush late of the City of Philadelphia Doctor of Medicine upon the conditions and provisions therein contained without limitation as to the yearly value or income of the said Trust Estate but in such manner that the real and personal property of the Company including such books pictures Statues and other works of literature and art as now are or shall hereafter be held by them in their own right or on any or different Trusts shall be in no wise affected thereby but shall remain and be under their own entire and Exclusive control & disposition.

And the said Company are hereby empowered after acceptance of this Act by the Members of the said Company to apply from time to time to the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia for such further amendments to the Charter of the Company as may be necessary to carry into effect the conditions and provisions of the said Will & Codicils (in accordance with the directions of this act.

At a meeting of the Committee of Stockholders & directors held at the hall of the directors Nov- 4 1864

Present Directors

Messrs. Lewis, McCall, Hare, Wharton Cramond -

Stockholders Messrs Fraley Phillips King Biddle.

The resolutions adopted at the meeting of Stockholders on the day of October 1864 was read by the Secretary -

Mr Wharton offers a resolutions as follows (two in number)

Resolution seconded by Judge Hare

Amendment proposed by Mr Phillips put to vote and amendment (rejected) adopted -

The resolution as amended put & vote and adopted

Mr Wharton moves that a Sub Committee of 3. of the present Committee be appointed & confer with the Counsel of the Company in relation to the matters referred to the Committee.

Put to vote and carried

Chairman to appoint the Sub Committee.

Chairman appoints Mr Wharton Phillips & King - -

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A general debate then ensued after which a vote was taken upon Mr McMaster's amendment and it was lost

A vote was then taken upon Mr Phillips amendment and was ~~carried~~ lost.

Mr Phillips then moved to adjourn

It was moved & carried that Tellers be appointed to take the vote on adjournment

The tellers reported a majority of one (1) of the members present in person in favor of adjournment. The proxies not having voted on this question and officers to vote the chairman decided that they are entitled to vote — and declined to declare the meeting adjourned until their vote was taken on the question

[The above resolutions are those reported by the Joint Committee of Stockholders and Directors. The following additional resolution is offered by Hon. Henry M. Phillips.]

No. 5.

Resolved, That the acceptance of the Stockholders of the Library Company of Philadelphia is upon the express provision that so much of the present collection of books and other property of the Company as may by the Directors be deemed expedient, shall be retained in the present or some other central position for general use and circulation.

~~following resolution~~ inserted after resolutions

that the resolutions be put to the vote with that

vote on upon between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. each resolution to be voted upon separately by a stock vote — and that Tellers be appointed to take the vote

This motion was carried

Mr Rodney offered a resolution that a list of the present stockholders be posted up in a conspicuous place in the Library

This resolution was agreed to

The Chairman appointed Hon Edward King & Jas S. Biddle Tellers to take the vote of the stockholders on adopting

The meeting was then on motion adjourned to meet on Thursday 21 Oct to receive the report of the Tellers

A general debate then ensued after which a vote was taken upon Mr McMaster's amendment and it was lost

A vote was then taken upon Mr Philips amendment and was ~~Carried~~ lost.

Mr Philips then moved to adjourn
It was moved & carried that Tellers be
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ided to declare the meeting adjourned - as it
vote was taken on the question
Philips then submitted the following resolution
see printed resolutions inserted
Mr Fraley then moved that the resolutions
submitted by the Committee together with that
presented by Mr Philips be voted on upon
that day two weeks (Oct 19.) between the hours
of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. each resolution to
be voted upon separately by a stock vote -
and that tellers be appointed to take the vote
This motion was carried
Mr Rodney offered a resolution that
a list of the present stockholders be posted
up in a conspicuous place in the Library
This resolution was agreed to
The Chairman appointed Hon Edmund Kings Jas S. Biddle
tellers to take the vote of the stockholders on Oct 19
The meeting was then on motion adjourned
to meet on Thursday 21 Oct to receive the
report of the Tellers

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adjourned
At an meeting of the Philadelphia
Library Company Oct 15. 1869.

Judge Shaswood in the Chair
W E. Whitman Secretary -

Messrs Telghman & Hutchinson were were appointed by the Chair to ascertain & report whether a quorum was present and they reported that there was a quorum in person & proxy -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Report of the Committee of Stockholders and Directors appointed at the last meeting was read by their Chairman Mr Dealey

Mr Talen a member of the Committee presented and read a minority report signed by himself alone

The first resolution offered by the Committee was read and it was announced that that the whole subject viz. all the resolutions reported by the Committee are open for debate -

~~A general debate then ensued~~

Mr Philips moved to amend the first resolution of the Committee by making the second resolution a part of the first

Mr Mr Minter moved to amend by striking out & inserting the following

That in the opinion of the Stockholders the time when they can be asked to accept is that pointed out by the act - when the building is completed and the liabilities which will be assumed can be ascertained & measured with the means of performing them -

Motion by Mr Phillips - to adjourn -
Chairman announces - for adjournment
and - votes against adjournment - but
he does not announce the vote or say whether
carried or not (proxies not yet voted)

Moved & carried that tellers be appointed -
Tellers report a majority of one (1) in favor
of adjournment - (proxies not voted).

The question of adjournment not decided
Mr Fraley moves that the resolutions be voted
on - on this date two weeks - between the hours
of 10 and 2 & as to acceptance - each resolution
separately - by a stock vote - carried -
Mr Phillips & Salem moves that the Conference
accept - lost

Mr Riddle moves to check out
the Church &c to Dr Rankin - lost -

Voted that a list of the stockholders be
placed in a conspicuous situation -

" "

adjourned to Thursday 2 weeks to
receive report of tellers -

A general debate then ensued

Mr Mr Murtie remarks on a construction of the will favored by the Committee & by Mr Brady in his speech. that more money than the principal & the legacies can be spent for books and debts (all debts) whether any money beyond the legacies can be spent for books - Mr Mr Murtie submits an amendment as follows and submits an amendment - that the time for accepting or refusing when the building is done

Judge King - in opposition to Mr Murtie's amendment and in support of the view that it is necessary to accept or refuse at this time or before the building is completed -

Mr Duane - against acceptance - and takes the point, that Dr Rush has forbid the introduction of religious books -

Judge Carpenter - that the whole fund is not to be expended in the building - and that the will instructs directing that all the fund shall be spent in the building only limits the amount - and provides that no more than the interest shall be spent -

Mr Geo Biddle - in support of Mr Murtie's resolution -

Vote taken on the Philips resolution and rejected -

Vote on Mr Murtie's amendment and it is lost negatived -

Vote on Mr Philips resolution - the resolution was lost voted down by the casting vote of the Chairman

At an adjourned Meeting of the Company Oct 15 1869

Judge Sharswood in the chair

W. E. Whitman Secy

Messrs. Tilghman & Hutchinson appointed by the chair were to ascertain & report whether a quorum was present.

They reported that there was a quorum of members present in ~~person~~ or by proxy ~~and that Mr Smith the~~ Librarian had - proxies - and that as a quorum is - members there is a quorum present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary & approved.

The report of the Committee of Stockholders & directors appointed at the last meeting was then read by their Chairman Mr Fraley.

Mr Yates a member of the Committee read a minority report signed by himself alone.

The first resolution of the Committee is read - and it was agreed that the whole question viz all the resolutions are open for discussion.

Mr Wm. Tilghman made some remarks in opposition to the Report.

Mr Fraley in support of the Report.

Mr Philips - ~~doubts the possibility of retaining or putting the books in the present building or of dividing the Library~~ - and he moves to amend the first resolution by making the second resolution a proviso to the first.

Mr Lewis No
Marston Aye
Marsh No
Latham Aye
Longstreth No
King No
Risley No

So the amendment was rejected
The original Resolution was adopted
Judge King moved the following
Resolved, That it be recommended to the Stockholders to retain such portions of the present Collection as the Directors may deem expedient in the present or some other central position for general circulation
The Resolution was unanimously adopted
Judge King offered the following
Resolved, That it be recommended to the Stockholders to appoint a Committee of three Stockholders three Directors to consult & advise with Mr Williams in regard to the construction of the Building carrying out the provisions of Dr Rush's Will
Adopted unanimously
The Sub Committee was directed to prepare a Report to be submitted to the Stockholders

At a Meeting of the Committee Sept 14 1809
Present

Messrs Braley
King
Longstreth
Marsh

Carson
Latham
Wharton

Secy

Mr Braley of the Sub Committee reported the following correspondence with Mr Williams

There not being a full attendance, the Committee, after a general discussion of the Report Adjourned to Monday the 20th at 4½ o'clock

At a Meeting of the Committee Sept 20th 1809
Present

Messrs Braley
King
Longstreth
Marsh

Latham
Lewis
Wharton
Marsh

Secy

Judge King moved the following Resolution

Resolved That this Committee recommend to the Stockholders of the Library Co of Phila the acceptance of the Legacy of Dr James Rush according to the terms & conditions expressed in his Will.

Mr Latham moved to amend by striking out all after the word Resolved, & substitute the following

That the Directors of this Company be authorized & requested to comply with the preliminary conditions attached to the munificent bequest of Dr Rush, & to take such measures as may be required to promote its prosperous

The Amendment was rejected

Mr Call Aye
Carson do

At a Meeting of the Joint Committee of Stockholders
& Directors at the Request of Dr James Rush
July 5th 1869 Present

Messrs Fraley McCall
King Hare
Carson Lewis
Wharton

Lloyd P. Smith was appointed Secretary to the Committee

Mr. Lewis moved that a Sub Committee of ~~four among the Stockholders to ascertain from the Executors of Dr Rush the nature and actual~~ 3 Stockholders be appointed to ascertain as far as practicable

1 The value of the Estate bequeathed by Dr Rush and the present income of it.

2 The plan of the proposed building for the Library, and the cost for the same & its cost.

3 The probable annual value of the residue and to conduct with the Executor upon the subject

The motion was carried unanimously

On motion of Dr Carson the Chairman of this Committee was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee with power to appoint his two colleagues. The Chairman appointed Messrs King and Latham

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Sub Committee

Vote taken on Saunders amendment

Lost

Vote on Mr Fraley resolution. Carried

chair to appoint Committee

adjourned

The Chairman appoints as the Committee of Members
Messrs Fraley - Phillips King D. S. Biddle J. D. Logan

adjourned

At an meeting held on Oct 21. 1864

Eli K. Price Esq - having been nominated & appointed Chairman by the Directors took the chair at 12 Oclock.

Mr Price appointed Hon Edward King and James S. Biddle Tellers to ascertain & report whether a quorum of the members was present either in person or by proxy

The Tellers report a quorum 243

Minutes of the last meeting read

Report of the Tellers called for and read by the Hon Judge King - see report -

Mr Price announces that the following resolutions submitted to the Stockholders was adopted viz - (insert resolutions) and that the other resolutions were rejected -

Mr Fraley offers a resolution (see it).

and

Resolution seconded by Mr Phillips.

Mr Snowden moves to strike out the resolution offered by Mr Fraley - and substitute the following resolutions - see them

Mr Cuyler makes some remarks against the resolution

Mr Mc Munes also, in favor

Mr Stokes - also, against

Mr Biddle - " also do

Mr Stokes submits a point of order & states his point of order that the meeting was called for a specific purpose viz to receive the report of the Tellers & therefore the resolutions are out of order

The Chair decides against the point of order

Judge S in Chair
Letter of appointee —
Report Quorum present
Mr McCall states — that it is not time
Reads portion of acts.
Mr Williams makes some remarks and
produces the opinion of Judge Sharswood which
is read by Judge Sharswood —
Judge Hare states that counsel have been
consulted & have given a written opinion on one
of the questions submitted — and requests the
chairman to read it —
and the chairman reads it and
makes some remarks
Mr Lilgbrow offers amendment and
supports it
Mr Clay answers the remarks of Mr L.
Mr Fraley makes remarks
Judge Cadwallader speaks —
Mr McCall replied —
Mr Biddle —

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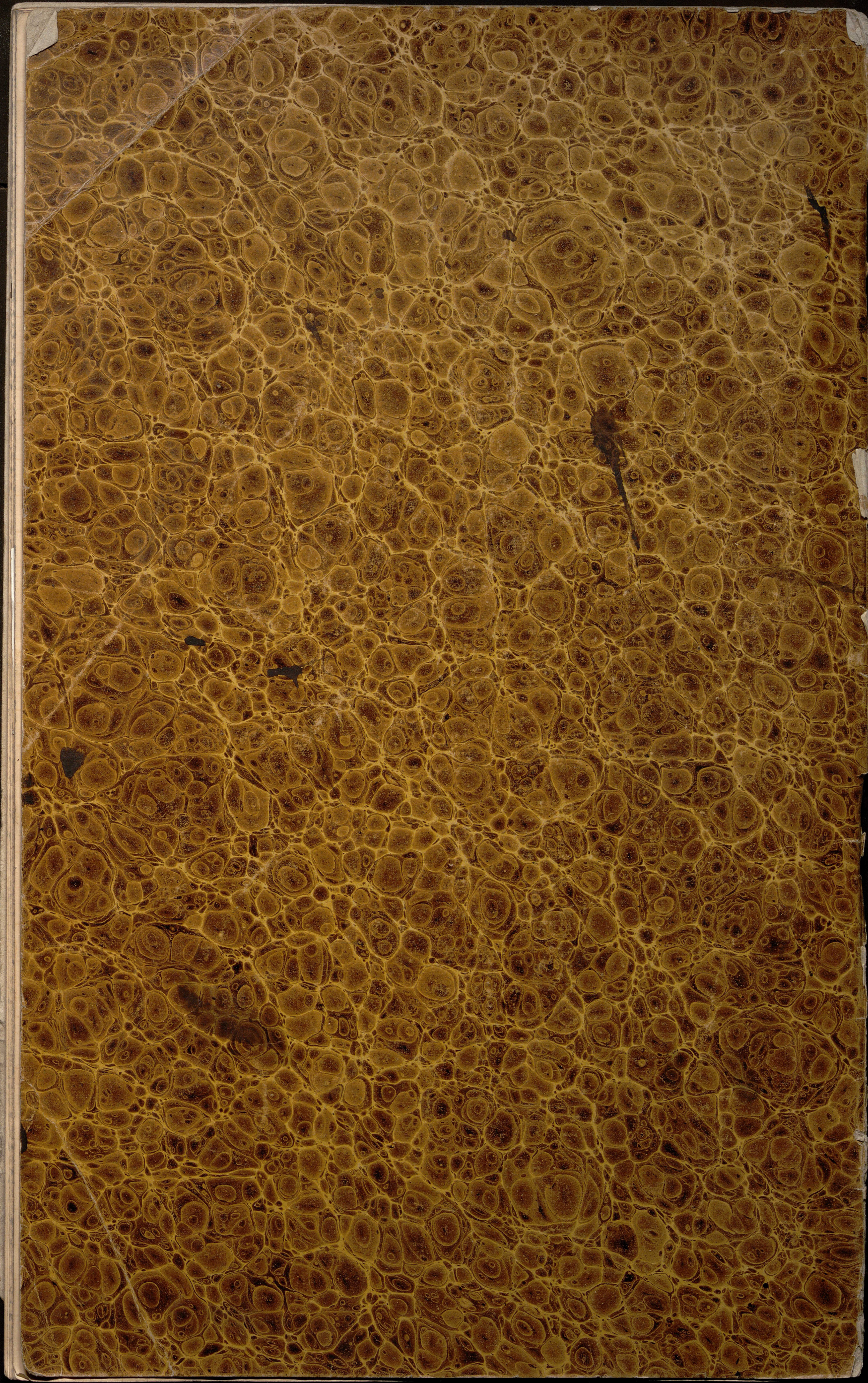

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Resolved Not the Joint Committee recommend that the Library Company apply to the Legislature of Pennsylvania for the following amendments to their Charter, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of 23 July 1850

Resolved, that under the provisions of the bond of Dr Rush, it will be necessary in order to a final and binding acceptance of the trust for the Ridgway Branch to apply under the ~~for~~ authority of the act of Assembly to the Court of Common Pleas for the following amendment to the Charter of the Company